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## *Congressman Bruce Braley: Working for Iowa Home Health*

***Rep. Braley serves as a Member of the Subcommittee on Health under the Committee on Energy & Commerce, and played an integral role in Health Care Reform***

- As a Member of the Subcommittee on Health, Rep. Braley is in a good position to fight for Iowa Home Health services throughout the health care debates.

***Rep. Braley offered an amendment to Health Care Reform to improve Home Health reimbursements, and avoid excessive cuts that were in the House Health Care Reform bill***

- The Braley amendment, which he offered in the Committee consideration of Health Care Reform, significantly lessened the cuts to Home Health that were in the House Health Care Reform bill. The amendment was endorsed by Home Health organizations.
- The final Health Care Reform package, which was signed into law, was much closer to Rep. Braley's language than to the original House language. The Home Health community was glad to have avoided roughly \$16 billion in cuts, and glad to have the home health rebasing delayed until 2014.

***Rep. Braley is supportive of the demonstration and pilot programs in Health Care Reform to help address chronic care management and other issues that impact home health patients***

- Rep. Braley looks forward to working to achieve quick implementation of demonstration and pilot programs in the Health Care Reform package as the base for providing chronic care management, transitions in care, and post-acute care management.

***Rep. Braley inserted other pieces of legislation into the final Health Care Reform package to increase Medicare reimbursements to Iowa providers and to improve quality outcomes***

- Rep. Braley inserted language into the health care reform bill to address geographic disparities in Medicare, and to move the nation towards a delivery system that emphasizes quality outcomes, as opposed to quantity of services.

***Rep. Braley is a cosponsor of the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act, to allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order home health services***

- This bill allows nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order home health services in Medicare where their state scope of practice allows it. NPs and PA's can currently order nursing home services, but cannot prescribe the less costly, less invasive home health option.

***Rep. Braley introduced HR 2852, Project 2020: Building on the Promise of Home and Community-Based Services Act of 2009, to allow seniors to stay in their homes longer***

- Rep. Braley introduced the Project 2020 proposal, which helps seniors stay in their homes longer, rather than having to enter long-term care facilities. The bill improves the quality of life for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities through providing greater information to them, disease prevention and health promotion activities, and home and quality of life improvements.